



Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)
March 27, 2013 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Meeting Summary

The meeting was attended by the following PAC members:

Ken Chin, Chair, City of San Mateo
Rocky Birdsey, Marin Center for Independent Living
Anne Darrow, Napa County Office of Education
Michelle DeRobertis, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (by phone)
David Grant, San Francisco resident
Sofia Recalde, Contra Costa County resident
Joel Slavit, San Mateo County Transit District
Rochelle Wheeler, Alameda County Transportation Commission

The following members of the public also participated in the meeting:

Diane Dohm, Sonoma County Transportation Authority
Casey Hildreth, Alta Planning + Design
Liam Kelly, City of Albany

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and Introductions

Agenda Item #2: Review and Approval of Summary of November 2011 Meeting

The notes were approved without edits.

Agenda Item #3: Presentation on Pedestrian Design and Operational Treatments

Beth Thomas, the Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning Senior Planner, gave a presentation covering various geometric design treatments and traffic control devices (signs, markings, beacons and signal types) for improving pedestrian safety and access. Treatments covered were high-visibility crosswalk markings, fluorescent yellow-green pedestrian signage, advance yield lines and overhead yield to pedestrians signage for multi-lane crossings, in-street yield to pedestrians signage for two-lane crossings, the new rectangular rapid flashing beacon and pedestrian hybrid beacon, raised medians and pedestrian refuge islands, curb extensions/bulbouts, pedestrian countdown signals, protected left turns (use of left-turn arrow), leading pedestrian intervals at signals, pedestrian scramble (all way pedestrian phase), modern

roundabouts and traffic circles, sidewalks, road diets, squaring up freeway ramp intersections, and raised pedestrian crossings (on speed table) and corner truck aprons (curb extensions mountable by trucks) as potential experimental traffic calming treatments for freeway entrances and exits. The purpose of the presentation was to help bring all PAC members to a desired level of understanding of these treatments and devices. The presentation had been requested by one of the PAC members.

Agenda Item #4: Updates on Policies/Guidance/Issues Previously Presented

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to a lack of time to cover it.

Agenda Item #5: Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Agenda Item #6: Topics for Next Meeting

Topics suggested for the next meeting were a report on the progress of the study being carried out by Charlie Zegeer of the University of North Carolina that will develop crash modification factors for the rectangular rapid flashing beacon, discussion of the US 101/Greenbrae interchange modification project in Marin County, and a review of Caltrans' new draft Traffic Operations Policy Directive concerning studying a roundabout alternative whenever intersection signalization is proposed on the State Highway System.

Agenda Item #7: Announcements and Information Sharing

No announcements were made.